



1. Why is the Transitions class program being implemented?

Senate Bill 1381 amends the date for admission to kindergarten. The admission age change will be phased in over the next few years. In addition, it requires districts to provide a Transitions class program for students born between September 2 – December 2.

Child needs to be 5 years old on or before:	To attend Kindergarten in School Year:
November 1, 2012	2012-2013
October 1, 2013	2013-2014
September 1, 2014	2014-2015

2. What if my child turns 5 after October 1, can I still enroll my child in kindergarten?

No, the child cannot enroll into a regular Kindergarten class. Between October 2 and December 2, he/she would automatically be eligible to enroll in the Transitions program. After December 2, the law allows a student to be admitted into a Transitions class on his/her fifth birthday at the district's discretion. Considerations: 1) Available space. 2) Is it in the child's best interest to have just a few months of Transitions class?

3. Will Transitions class be mandatory for children with birthdays between September and December?

Just like Kindergarten, Transitions class enrollment is not mandatory.

4. What if my child is 5 years old and I would like to consider the Transitions class instead of Kindergarten?

Information on the Transitions class will be made available when you register your child at the District Enrollment Center. You may contact your school principal or the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at (909) 307-5300 to schedule an appointment for an assessment to help determine which program will best meet your child's needs.

5. What is Transitions class?

*The Transitions class program provides one year of developmental curriculum **prior** to a student's entrance into Kindergarten. It provides the "gift of time" and allows for an **extra** year of social-emotional, intellectual, and physical growth prior to Kindergarten. Transitions class serves as a bridge between preschool and Kindergarten and ensures that developmentally younger children are ready for Kindergarten and beyond.*

6. How is the Transitions class different from preschool?

The standards, curriculum and teaching requirements in a Transitions class will be different from preschool. Transitions class will be part of the K-12 public education system and it will prepare students



for the challenging standards in a Kindergarten class. It will build on the skills children may have learned in preschool to ensure they will be able to begin an academic Kindergarten with confidence.

7. Where and when will Transition classes be held?

Each school site will have a class designated for the Transitions program. The Transitions class will follow the same schedule as Kindergarten.

8. Where will my child attend traditional Kindergarten after Transitions class?

Students will attend their home school of residence for their traditional Kindergarten year.

9. Who teaches the Transitions class?

Transitions classes will be taught by credentialed Redlands Unified School District teachers.

10. Will the Transitions class provide support for children who are learning English as a second language?

English learners in Transitions classes will have the same level of services as those in Kindergarten.

11. How will Transitions classes affect children receiving special education services?

The Redlands Unified School District will be required to offer the same services to students in Transitions classes with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) as they currently offer to children in Kindergarten.

12. If my child turns 5 after October 1 and attends a private school Kindergarten program in the 2013-2014 school year, can he be enrolled in 1st grade in the 2014-2015 school year?

No, pursuant to California Education Code (EC) Section 48000, a child who is not age eligible for Kindergarten and who attends a private school Kindergarten is not considered to be legally enrolled in Kindergarten. Furthermore, Senate Bill 1361 also amends the age eligibility requirements for 1st grade such that the child cannot be enrolled in 1st grade without having met the age eligibility requirement for Kindergarten in the previous school year.